



The Fire Within, Hannah Garrity

We warmly welcome all members and guests who are joining us for worship today. In the Christian calendar, we are currently observing the Season After Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. The season of Ordinary Time refers to the Sundays of the year that fall outside the periods of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The word “ordinary” refers to the ordinal numbers assigned to each Sunday as we count the weeks between the Church’s seasons. Ordinary Time can be understood as the living out of the Christian faith and the meaning of Christ’s resurrection in our day-to-day lives. The liturgical color for the season is green, representing the life and growth of the church and its ministry.

Worship care for preschool children and infants is offered in the children’s building during the worship hour. Large print hymn sheets and T-coil access are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary. An usher can assist you with these and any other needs you may have.

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Corbett Blackmon & Paul David Kehrberg

PRELUDE

“Rhosymedre” by Ralph Vaughan Williams
Rebecca McClain, Organ

GREETING

Justin Addington

INVOCATION

INTROIT

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” by William Bradbury
with Corey Dalton Hart, Tenor

*HYMN 272

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

ST. BRENDAN’S

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

Paula Garrett

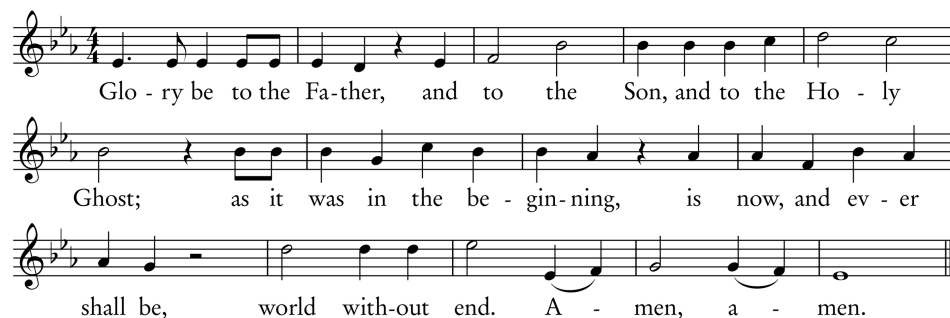
**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

“Glory Be to the Father ”

GREATOREX



*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING

FIRST LESSON

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b

Kendra Plating

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Draw the Circle Wide”

by Mark Miller

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

Ben Bratton

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Apostles of Genuineness”

Craig Hines

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mae Craig

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

RESPONSE 409

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

CONVERSE

Stanza 1 - Please remain seated to sing.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Casey Callahan

OFFERTORY

“Andante” from *Sonata No. 6* by Felix Mendelssohn

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD 100TH

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here be - low; praise God, a - bove ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bob Gilkeson

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Amy Stertz

*HYMN 278

“We Are Travelers on a Journey ”

BEACH SPRING

SENDING FORTH

CALL TO COMMUNITY

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

by Lowell Mason

*POSTLUDE

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

arr. Wilbur Held

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Craig Hines as our guest proclaimer while our Senior Pastor, Mack Dennis, is away on sabbatical. Dr. Hines serves as the Program Coordinator for the Office of Black Church Studies at Duke Divinity School, where he completed both his Masters of Divinity and his Doctorate of Ministry.

The artwork featured on the cover of today’s order of worship is *The Fire Within*, by Hannah Garrity. Watercolor and graphite on paper. Hannah Garrity is a liturgical artist, art educator, and a founding Creative partner of A Sanctified Art. Her work explores the intersection between theology, race, and the image of God. Hannah serves as liturgical artist for the Summer Worship Series at Montreat Conference Center. Hannah Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

The Prayer of Confession used in today’s worship service is taken from The Book of Common Prayer - Rite II.

CCL License #22592236; CCLI Streaming License #22592229

PASTORAL STAFF

Dr. Justin Addington

Pastor of Music and Worship

Dr. Casey Callahan

Coordinating Pastor

Ms. Mae Craig

Summer Youth Intern

Dr. Mack Dennis

Senior Pastor

Dr. Paula Garrett

Pastoral Resident

Dr. Kendra Plating

Interim Pastor of Congregational Care

Rev. Amy Stertz

Pastor of Christian Formation and Children



THIS WEEK

**Overnight Helene
Team - Calvary
Baptist of
Lexington, KY**
Sunday - Friday

Bible Study
Today at 9:45 a.m.

Summer Choir
Today at 10:20 a.m.

**FirstShine
Summer Camp**
Monday - Thursday

Pick Up Basketball
Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Pick Up Pickleball
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Free Market
Thursday
at 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

July 26, 2026

If you are a guest with us today, greetings! We joyfully proclaim the sacred worth of all people and welcome you with glad hearts. Please complete the "Connect with Us" card from your pew, and place it in the plate during the Offertory. We would love to connect with you.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

This week is FirstShine Camp. For decades we have welcomed young adults with special needs to a traditional summer camp. Daily activities include crafts and activities at the church and outings to go horseback riding, bowling, and swimming. This summer's FirstShine community includes over 25 youth and adult volunteers and 10 campers.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Bob Gilkeson

PASTOR ON CALL

Casey Callahan

JULY/AUGUST SUMMER SCHEDULE

July 26-31	Overnight Helene Team (Lexington)
July 27-30	FirstShine Summer Camp
August 16	A Time of Prayer
August 16	Church Picnic
August 22	Rising 7 th Grade Retreat
August 23	Promotion Sunday



TO
GIVE
ONLINE

FBCA.NET
828.252.4781
5 OAK STREET
ASHEVILLE, NC 28801



Passport Kids Camp

Lunch at the Crossroads & Free Market

Thursdays * 11:00-1:00 p.m. * Sherman Center, Commons, Gym

Lunch at the Crossroads resumes Thursday, August 6 with our ongoing Free Market, where neighbors can enjoy a hot meal and shop for groceries, clothing, and other essentials. We are so grateful for the more than 50 volunteers who make this ministry possible each week.

If you'd like to serve, we'd love to have you! Opportunities include serving on the meal line, stocking food, picking up donations from Trader Joe's, washing dishes, or simply sitting with our guests and sharing a meal. Join us on Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. to get connected.

Church Picnic

Sunday, August 16 * 1:00 p.m. * Camp Rockmont

The summer church picnic is a great opportunity for our church family to come together for fellowship, food, and fun! We will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Waterfront activities: Beach Swimming, Canoes, Paddleboards, Gullywasher (slide), Zip Line, and the "blob".

We hope you can join us!